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COMMISSIONER GENERAL HENDERSON TO AMBASSADOR CRONK

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SUBJ: SINGAPORE/HONG KONG PARTICIPATION AT SPOKEANE

1974 INTERNATIONAL EXPOSITION

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1. U.S. COMMISSIONER GENERAL HENERSON AND STATE/

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COMMERCE/EXPO '74 REPRESENTATIVES MADE DETAILED

PRESENTATION TO SINGAPORE AMBASSADOR MONTEIRO OCTOBER 2.
PRESENTATION COVERED ALL POINTS GIVEN REFERENCES.

2. EMPHASIS WAS PLACED ON SPOKEANE ENVIRONMENTAL
EXPOSITION AS SPECIAL EVENT WHICH IS ATTRACTING
INCREASING ATTENTION OF PACIFIC-RIM NATIONS AS ONLY
INTERNATIONAL FOCAL POINT OF U.S.
BICNENTENNIAL.

3. AMBASSADOR MONTEIRO WAS RESPONSIVE TO NEED FOR
COMMUNICATION AROUND PACIFIC BASIN - INCLUDING SOME
30 COUNTRIES - IN TERMS NOT ONLY OF INVESTMENT AND
TOURISM OPPORTUNITIES BUT IN ESTABLISHMENT OF COOPERATIVE
ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROLS BENEFICIAL TO ALL.

4. AMBASSADOR CITED SPECIFIC ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF PM LEE
KUAN YEW IN HAVING ATTRACTED RECORD US INVESTMENT TO
SINGAPORE. MENTIONED IN CONFIDENCE AWARD BY CALIFORNIA
WORLD TRADE CLUB TO BE GIVEN LEE FOR THIS ACCOMPLISHMENT
IN MID-MAY 1974. HE SUGGESTED THIS DATE RATHER THAN
AUGUST 9 NATIONAL DAY MIGHT BE SUITABLE OCCASION FOR LEE
TO VISIT U.S., PARTICULARLY IF LATTER COULD COMBINE
AWARD RECEPTION SAN FRANCISCO WITH VISIT TO SINGAPORE
EXHIBIT AT SPOKANE. OUR RESPONSE TO THIS IDEA WAS
CORDIAL.

5. WE INDICATED, HOWEVER, TIME FACTOR ON DECISION TO
PARTICIPATE CRITICAL BUT AS SINGAPORE GATEWAY TO ASIA
EVERY AVENUE SHOULD BE EXPLORED TO ESTABLISH SINGAPORE
PRESENCE AT EXPO '74.

6. REQUEST AMBASSADOR FOLLOW UP AT HIGHEST POLITICAL
LEVEL. BELIEVE EXPORT PROMOTION BOARD MOST LIKELY
AGENT OF PARTICIPATION WITH SUBTLE INGREDIENTS OF TOURISM
NOT ENTIRELY HIDDEN UNDER ENVIRONMENTAL PARASOL.

6. DEPARTMENT'S LATEST TELEGRAMS TO AUSTRALIA AND NEW
ZEALAND, INFORMATION SINGAPORE AND HONG KONG, HIGHLIGHTS
PACIFIC-RIM CONTEXT WHICH AS DRAMATIC POSSIBILITIES.
CAREFUL READING OF TEA LEAVES SUGGESTS HONG KONG FINAL
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POSITION ON SPOKANE WILL BE DETERMINED BY HONG KONG'S
OWN INTERESTS AND FUNDS DISPASSIONATE OF ANY BRITISH
POSITION.

8. FOR HONG KONG: WOULD APPRECIATE POST'S READING ON
SITUATION AND POSSIBILITY HONG KONG TURNAROUND SIMILAR
TO THAT OF CANADA PARTICULARLY IF SINGAPORE, PHILIPPINES
NEW ZEALAND AND AUSTRALIA PARTICIPATE AT SPOKANE EXPO

IN ADDITION TO SOVIET UNION, JAPAN, CANADA, UNITED STATES,
MEXICO, SOUTH KOREA, REPUBLIC OF CHINA AND POSSIBLY
COLOMBIA OR VENEZUELA.

9. ADVISE BY RETURN TELEGRAM ANY FURTHER GUIDANCE OR
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